

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
December 17, 2020 Meeting**

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Committee Members:

Brian Lochrie
Capt. Dan Adams
Dan Jensen
Mayor Mark Murphy
Sandy Quinn
William Crouch

Absent:

Marc Colin
Michelle Duman
Philip Goodrich
Tim Virus

Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*
Collette Creppell
Jerry Price
Chief Randy Burba

Guests:

Allison Kelley, *Recording Secretary*
Christopher Cash, City of Orange
Susan Galvan, City of Orange

CALL TO ORDER

Alisa Driscoll, the Interim Vice President of Community Relations for Chapman University, called the meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) to order at 9:03am.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Driscoll let the Committee know that President Daniele Struppa would not be able to join the meeting that morning because he had recently tested positive for COVID-19 and was feeling under the weather. She asked that Committee members please keep him and his family in their thoughts and let them know that he sends his apologies that he was not able to join them today.

Mr. Crouch introduced guest Public Works Director, Chris Cash. He stated that Mr. Cash will be handling code enforcement requests and building control upon Mr. Crouch's retirement from the City of Orange. Chief Building Official Pete Goodrich will be retiring next week as well, Mr. Crouch said.

Mr. Cash thanked Mr. Crouch and stated that he is in public works and happy to help. He told the group to give him a call if anything is needed.

Secondly, Mr. Crouch introduced Susan Galvan, the Economic Development Manager of the City of Orange, whom he stated will be assisting as the go-to person for the NAC. Rick Otto has asked Ms. Galvan to be the go-to person and liaison for NAC until Mr. Crouch's position has been filled.

Ms. Galvan introduced herself to the group and stated that she is in the Economic Development division in the City Manager's office. She asked NAC members to please contact her if they needed anything and that she would be happy to help.

Due to a prior commitment, Captain Adams informed the group that he will have to join another call at 9:30 am. As a result, Ms. Driscoll stated that she would adjust the agenda to ensure Orange Police Department's portion of the agenda is addressed at the beginning.

OPD DISTURBANCE CALLS

Captain Adams stated that he wanted to thank Dr. Price and Chief Burba's continued partnership and willingness to put together the party enforcement car initiative. Captain Adams said that he has found the enforcement to be very effective in the community. He stated that there were a lot less students in September and October than there are now, but that all students got the message that they are patrolling and have had a very active presence in the community.

Captain Adams affirmed that there have been a lot less parties than expected with none quite qualifying as a large gathering. Orange Police Department has only issued a few citations. Orange Police Department has been called to 70 parties since September, which to him seemed like a low number from previous years. Captain Adams confirmed that all students seem to be aware of the COVID rules.

Chief Burba reported that last night would have been the undie run but that it largely had not happened. He let Captain Adams know only about four students showed up. Chief Burba then

praised Dr. Price's team for being out around midnight and the prior communication to the students which clearly helped prevent congregating.

CITY UPDATES

Mayor Murphy gave an update on the local elections and swearing in, letting them know that they are now complete. He said that they are back to a total of 7 council members. He stated that the swearing in process was small, socially distanced, and without a formal ceremony. Mayor Murphy mentioned that they had their first business meeting on December 8, 2020. He let the Committee know that a key point of discussion was continuing The Plaza outdoor business and during the meeting they had decided the paseo would stay in place until the new normal and there are no more restrictions. He said that as long as there are restrictions the paseo will stay in place. He also let the Committee members know that they have reduced staffing in city offices but are fully operational and OPD has adjusted their deployment models.

Mayor Murphy continued to state that city officials are regularly meeting (3x per week) with health officials and hospital administrators. He let the group know that he asked hospital administrators what the community and city can do to help and that they suggested sponsoring a shift meal or meals for a certain department for local healthcare professionals. They stated that any of the hospitals would welcome that. Mayor Murphy let the Committee members know that local hospitals CHOC, UCI & St. Joseph's would all appreciate that. Mayor Murphy mentioned that if anyone hears of any interest to please connect them with him and he would reach out to his contacts. He stated that this is important during the holidays as well as after when these folks will still be very busy.

Mayor Murphy also mentioned that there was a project recently approved by the planning commission, and it is now official, the Orange Plaza Inn and Event Center, which has also gone through the appeal process. This will be a boutique hotel at the corner of Maple & Orange Streets, in the former Shannon Family Mortuary building. This business will rehabilitate and repurpose the former mortuary building.

He went on to update the Committee members of a current business assistance program recap. He stated that this is hugely important to him and the funds have been provided by state and federal funds that they have provided \$3.4 MM in relief grants for 144 business and \$700 k towards employee retention through the CARES act. Mayor Murphy stated that more will be done, and their efforts will continue for some time.

Mayor Murphy also provided the group with an update on homelessness by stating that they have combined resources for 100 bed navigation centers in Placentia and Villa Park. He stated that OPD has placed several individuals in the navigation centers already and will continue to do so.

Mayor Murphy also updated the group on the first of its kind, the Be Well OC Center on Anita Street that will open in early January. He said that it is the first in the county and will be a model

for other facilities to come. He detailed that this is not a walkup center. It is there for critical need and those at the mental health center must be escorted in and escorted out. It gives full and complete resources to those that have not had access to it. It will do a lot of good and fulfill a crucial need in the community in an anonymous building in West Orange.

Sandy Quinn asked Mayor Murphy if there were any updates for the fire department. He asked when will that open and what is the plan for the old building on Water Street?

Mayor Murphy responded that the new headquarters building will open in 2022. He stated that the process will start quickly and then they will figure out what to do with the old facility. He clarified that it was an old building, that its current framework did not function well for the fire department due to height restrictions and seismic conditioning. He said that they will pursue looking into different options for the former building and may convert it to a parking lot.

Brian Lochrie then posed a question for Mayor Murphy or Captain Adams regarding the recent judge's ruling of the release of 1800 prisoners. Will this affect Theo Lacy? How does this affect community members in Orange? He went on to ask if the City of Orange is supporting Sheriff Barnes efforts to receive the names of prisoners released into the community.

Mayor Murphy stated that there are no releases from Theo Lacy. Inmates are only released from the Santa Ana facility. He stated that the city is currently in the process of filing an amicus brief in support of the Sheriff Department's efforts for additional information on these releases. Mayor Murphy stated that he wanted to ensure the courts are aware that this is a county wide concern and not just the Sheriff's concern. He asked if Captain Adams had any further details that he would like to add.

Captain Adams stated that he wanted it to be known that they are 100% supportive of Sheriff Barnes and the District Attorney. He went on to state that they are happy to offer their support in any way that they can. He stated the OPD does not want 1800 prisoners released. He said that the released prisoners may become transient and remain in the area and that is another issue that they are aware of.

CAMPUS & COVID-19 UPDATES

Ms. Driscoll stated that Chapman University has been very busy adapting to the constant changes presented during this challenging time. She let the Committee members know that Chapman offered in-person instruction briefly for those students and faculty that were comfortable coming to campus. She stated that while offering in-person instruction, classes were at 25% occupancy, with masks and social distancing observed. She thanked Chief Burba as being instrumental in ensuring everything was as safe as possible for the Chapman community. She stated that with the transition of Orange County to the purple tier and the issuing of stay-at-home orders there has been only a very small presence on campus. She let the Committee members

know that Instruction has transitioned to largely virtual. She also updated them that this week is finals week and staff has transitioned to remote work.

She updated the Committee members that interterm would be offered in January with remote instruction. Ms. Driscoll stated that the plans for spring semester will be to offer instruction in a hi-flex model given state and local agencies guidance is in accordance. She stated that Chapman's goal is to transition back to in-person instruction as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

Ms. Driscoll also updated the Committee on Chapman University's COVID-19 testing policies. She stated that Chapman has really amped up their testing policies. She said she has personally found testing to be very quick and efficient. They have mandated monthly testing for essential staff coming to campus. Additionally, she stated that they have asked students to strongly consider whether they want to return to campus after the Thanksgiving break in order for them to move around minimally and really consider whether they would like to return to campus if they are traveling. She stated that any essential staff returning to campus from Thanksgiving break were required to be tested. She said that this will also be the case after holiday break. Ms. Driscoll stated that Chapman University has really amped up testing and will continue to do so in order to keep everyone safe.

Ms. Driscoll then gave a general announcement regarding the upcoming retirement of Provost, Dr. Glenn Pfeiffer. She stated that he will be retiring after the current academic year. She stated that the Provost is the chief academic officer and key leadership on campus. Janeen Hill, Dean of Crean College, has chaired a search committee looking for his replacement. Key constituents on campus among the faculty, staff & students have met with final 4 candidates. She said that personally she found several of the candidates to be very impressive. Once a final candidate is selected, she stated that they will have to be invited to a future NAC meeting. Ms. Driscoll stated that she thinks it is important that the new Provost is aware that Orange is a special place, and that they want them to be familiar with the NAC and the good work that is being done here.

Ms. Driscoll then invited Chief Burba, Dr. Price, and Ms. Creppell to add to her campus update. They stated they did not have anything to add and Ms. Driscoll asked for any questions.

Mr. Quinn asked when the spring semester will begin?

Ms. Driscoll stated February 1, 2020 and Dean Price confirmed.

STUDENT HOUSING AND ENROLLMENT

Dr. Price said that there are currently 850 students living on campus in apartments. Dr. Price stated that half of those students are currently living at the Chapman Grand apartments. He updated the Committee members that for spring, he expects approximately 1,500 students in residence. He stated that there have been studies, particularly out of Duke, that showed that

keeping residence halls and campus housing density low contributes to managing potential infection especially by keeping one student per bedroom. He stated that they surveyed students and parents in November and 29% want to come to campus and stay there, whether there is in-person instruction or not.

Freshmen are having a tough time, and they are not getting the college experience. Dr. Price stated that we anticipate 350 additional freshmen in spring coming to campus. He informed the committee that they have about 50 students that want to move from Chapman Grand to the residence halls at Henley or Pralle, just so that they can be around other students like themselves. Additionally, Chapman will be reopening the dining hall with a take-out option only with outdoor dining in designated areas. He said they typically have about 100-150 new incoming students added each semester to student housing each year, and that will not be the case this year.

He said that enrollment is looking quite good. Chapman University is running a percentage ahead from spring last year in regard to current students registering. Although they will continue to be behind a little for total enrollment from last year, he said the good news is that they are not losing students from fall to spring as they feared they might.

STUDENT LIFE

Dr. Price stated that there currently is not much to report for Student Life. He stated that they are finding that students are pretty Zoomed-out both from classes and facetimeing and socially Zooming. He stated that students do not seem to be interested in virtual voluntary events through the university. He said that student congregations on campus are limited to 12 or less and that they are enforcing that. Additionally, he stated that the university is not having any university sponsored gatherings on campus.

Dr. Price went on to add an addendum to the campus COVID-19 testing policy. He said that they recently came to a preliminary decision to increase testing. Dr. Price stated they are currently considering increasing surveillance testing for essential staff to weekly. He stated that Chapman University Administrators and Senior Staff feel this will be a good solution to keeping down the prevalence of infections in the community and for catching asymptomatic cases.

Mr. Quinn asked for an update on the Panther Village planned housing expansion and the use of the I-5 property.

Dr. Price stated that is most likely a question for Ms. Creppell, however, he believed that both properties are still on the agenda for future student housing expansion and parking, but there is not a firm timetable. Dr. Price confirmed for the Committee that there is definite demand for more housing and there is interest from the University to build it once the timing is right.

Ms. Creppell confirmed the statements made by Dr. Price and said that the projects are on the list and currently TBD.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Driscoll gave a shout out to Mr. Cash in the public works department for the construction of the traffic light at Lemon and Palm. She stated that this intersection will function similarly to the Lemon and Glassell intersection with crossing in all directions and will be well used by students. She stated that construction began on November 30, 2020 and they expect the traffic light and intersection to be finished in approximately 45 days. She stated that there might be closures to the east bound and west bound lanes, but nearby residents have been notified.

Mr. Cash confirmed that the project is going slowly, but really coming along. He said that it is not getting the current activity around it that was expected due to low student population.

Ms. Driscoll stated that the Chapman community is excited to see it in use once the student population returns to campus.

Ms. Driscoll then went on to highlight the distribution of Chapman Care Kits which includes masks and hand sanitizers to the local student population at properties around Orange. She stated that 7 students canvassed nearby neighborhoods and delivered 800 care kits to 600 houses. The students made sure to deliberately target these deliveries to houses that they were aware had previous calls of issues from OPD or neighbors. Ms. Driscoll stated that these students had really valuable conversations with the student residents and got to talk to the neighbors around them. She lets the Committee members know that they gave out educational materials regarding being considerate to their neighbors, parking and property upkeep as well.

Ms. Driscoll then highlighted the Student Community Ambassador Program. She stated that for low level, first time issues that have come up at local properties that students reside at, they have been sending a team of two students out to talk to the students on a peer-to-peer level. She said that they have found the Student Community Ambassador Program and approaching students on a peer level to be really successful and effective. She stated that the ambassadors have gone to about 12 houses so far without receiving any repeat complaints at those properties. She stated that these student ambassadors are passionate to demonstrate that Chapman students are contributing members of Orange.

Additionally, Ms. Driscoll highlighted another resource she said is not widely known in the community that Community Relations would like to promote. Chapman Community Relations has a partnership with OC Human Relations for conflict resolution services to the community. OC Human Relations graciously offered free, impartial mediation services for students and community members. She stated that they have found the partnership to be really helpful to give a tangible resource to the community in terms of next steps. She said that business cards promoting the service are given to the community liaison team and other community members.

Mr. Quinn requested a copy of the brochure given to students living off campus. He asked if the brochure also mentions the historic nature of Old Towne Orange.

Ms. Driscoll responded that she believed the brochure spoke to the character of Orange, but not necessarily its historic nature. She mentioned that Mr. Quinn brought up a very interesting point that they will take into account for future revisions. Mr. Quinn stated that he would be interested in a copy. Ms. Driscoll said that she would be sure to include a copy of the brochure with minutes from this meeting.

Ms. Driscoll then asked for an update from Chief Burba regarding OPD & Public Safety liaison visits. He stated that they have found the liaison visits to be really helpful and have received a very good response from the Chapman community. He stated that they have found everyone to be respectful with very few repeat offenses.

Ms. Driscoll went on to highlight the liaison officers as very approachable and passionate about their process. She stated she thought that it would be a good idea to have them attend a future NAC meeting to give an update. The liaison officers are Sgt. Thorsen with OPD & Sgt. Rodriguez with Public Safety. She said these two officers are a great asset as they are really good with students and passionate about the process.

UPDATE ON SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 7

Ms. Driscoll then gave a brief update regarding the timeline of the Specific Plan Amendment No. 7 and its submission to the city. She said that she looks forward to continuing to partner with the City and that Chapman University will submit the Specific Plan Amendment No. 7 in two parts. She updated Committee members that Chapters 1-4 of 7 have been already submitted and they are the lion's share of the amendment. She stated that there have been delays due to COVID-19 for submitting the remaining portion of the amendment.

Ms. Driscoll informed the Committee members that they anticipate the public commenting period for the Specific Plan Amendment No. 7 to occur around May 2021 for 45 days. Chapman will soon begin the technical surveys. She stated that Chapman is really happy to move forward. She also wanted to make the Committee aware that their valuable feedback regarding the EIR commenting period occurring during the holidays was taken into account and pushing back the commenting period has resulted positively. She stated that even though this process has been pushed back, Chapman University is dedicated and excited about the process.

Mr. Quinn asked if the second segment will be submitted. Ms. Driscoll responded that they anticipate submitting the second segment in late January.

Mr. Lochrie then asked if Chapman still plans to use FTE rather than student head count. Ms. Driscoll stated that continues to be the plan.

CAMPUS PLANNING AND DESIGN

Killefer School

Ms. Creppell stated that the Killefer School was acquired in September. She stated that Chapman University has completed a list of approximately 14 items to stabilize and secure the building and site, including: bringing the electrical service back, a water line for irrigation, exterior site lighting on all sides, installation of interior lighting for security purposes, security cameras & cabling, burglar alarms, fencing along the west edge of the property, sod along the east side, signage, removal of abandoned mechanical equipment at the bell tower, patching and painting the bell tower, and installation of deadbolts on classrooms with exterior doors. She said that the plan remains to renovate the building for an academic department's administrative use, but not for classrooms. She stated that they do not have a current timeline for construction. She stated that there will be a more in-depth survey of the building in Spring. She reiterated that plans have been slightly delayed during the pandemic. However, she maintained that she is still hopeful that they will continue with programming and she will have new details to share with the NAC at the next meeting.

Keck Center

Ms. Creppell updated the NAC on the construction of the Keck Center's Engineering North Wing off of Walnut, which previously "core and shell" space. She stated that the 33,000 sq. ft. build-out project is going very well. She stated that they are currently in construction. She detailed that construction began in June 2020 and is expected to be finished in May 2021, an approximately 12-month construction period.

Dance Department Relocation

Ms. Creppell went on to discuss the dance department's relocation. She said that the Chapman dance department is currently housed in the Partridge Building on Cypress at Maple. She stated that it will be relocated, north of the K Residence Hall to the VPO Packing House. She detailed the relocation construction as an interior buildout in the Packing House. Ms. Creppell stated they are looking at a 16-month construction timeline beginning February 2021 and that they are aiming to be done by June 2022. She stated that she is very much looking forward to this project and that she believes it will be a historical asset for the campus and community. She stated that approximately 3 years ago seismic upgrades were done to stabilize the structure of the VPO Packing House. She said that these upgrades will allow Chapman to focus on programming for the renowned dance department. Ms. Creppell stated that the Chapman dance department is ranked very highly in the country and looks forward to giving them more space for growth from their current 10,000 sq. ft. in the Partridge building to the new space in the VPO which will give them approximately 30,000 sq. ft. Ms. Creppell stated that this is a very meaningful project for the University and that she looks forward to keeping the NAC informed about this fast-paced project.

Rinker Campus Update

Finally, Ms. Creppell gave an update on the Rinker Campus in Irvine. She stated that Chapman is undertaking a major renovation of the Alton building on that campus. She stated that this renovation will include a build out of a much needed, new Student Services Center. The existing structure will be fully renovated to house the Student Center for the Health Science Rinker graduate students. She stated that the renovation will also include an expansion of the Brain Institute which is a well-regarded research center with dynamic leadership. Ms. Creppell then asked if the Committee members had any questions.

Mr. Quinn thanked Ms. Creppell for the work she has done to secure the historic Killefer school. He stated that he greatly appreciates her not only securing the building, but also ensuring that the degradation does not continue. He asked if once the dance department moves if the Partridge building will be used for the Hilbert Museum expansion.

Ms. Creppell answered that they are very much looking forward to the Hilbert Museum Renovations project. She stated that, as of this month, Chapman does expect to move forward with this project. She stated that the timeline for the construction phase of the Hilbert Museum Renovations project is tied to the dance department relocation. Ms. Creppell summarized that Chapman is excited about reinvigorating the Cypress area with a special focus on the arts.

Mr. Quinn then asked if there was continuing discussion that Chapman will look at securing a location off-property for parking.

Ms. Creppell affirmed that is also still on the list. She said that they are looking towards acquiring an off-property location for additional parking at some point in the future.

Ms. Creppell closed by stating that she is looking forward to working with several of the NAC Committee members on many of these projects and she looks forward to working with them closely to move these projects forward.

CHECK IN: COMMUNITY

Mr. Quinn stated that he had good news and bad news. Both the good news and the bad news is that he has not heard anything. Mr. Quinn mentioned that he misses the campus spirit and seeing students and staff around The Plaza. He goes onto to explain he also does not hear any problems. He believed there might be some anxiety about the numbers of students in residence halls by those in the community, but that student conduct has been very good.

Ms. Driscoll asked Mr. Quinn for any updates on the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA). She said that she has heard that there is a new slate of officers.

Mr. Quinn stated that he has been the President of the OTPA for many years. Tony Trabucco is a great Vice President who is comfortable with stepping into the role of President. Mr. Quinn went on to acknowledge that the OTPA has an outstanding board which he plans to continue to be a part of. He informed the Committee that OTPA is active in many areas and has enjoyed a great relationship with the City. Mr. Quinn mentioned that Mr. Crouch will be very much missed in his retirement and that the OTPA loves working with Rick Otto. Mr. Quinn stated that he looks forward to hearing the criteria put in place for the hunt for Mr. Crouch's replacement. Mr. Quinn went on to say that he wanted to thank Mr. Crouch for his collaborative spirit. He said that not only does Mr. Crouch live in a historical home that he is in the process of preserving, but that he truly understands the importance of historical preservation, not just legally and legislatively, but in spirit.

Mr. Crouch thanked Mr. Quinn.

Ms. Driscoll thanked Mr. Crouch and stated that the Committee members will miss him in his retirement. She stated that he has been a great friend and partner to Chapman. She asked Mr. Crouch what is on the agenda for retirement.

Mr. Crouch stated that in his retirement he plans on working on the house and learning to Zoom. He said he was looking forward to retirement and thanked the Committee.

Mr. Lochrie asked if Chapman is working to address the neighborhood noise complaints as a result from the air conditioning unit on the roof of The Keck Center.

Ms. Creppell responded that Chapman is working on the issue. She stated that although the sound levels are meeting or under the noise ordinance and parameters at all times, she understands the importance of being a good neighbor. She let the Committee know that she is aware that it is still an issue. Ms. Creppell informed the Committee that Chapman is pursuing the best option for enhanced sound mitigation. Ideally, she said that they are pursuing not a physical intervention on the roof, but a mechanical adjustment to the equipment. She stated that they have pursued a number of options that have not worked out. Ms. Creppell said that if adjustments to the mechanicals do not work out, they may ultimately pursue modifications to the roofline. She reiterated that she wanted to work with those involved, and that they are actively looking for a solution. She stated that they want to be thorough and expect to have a solution in the new year.

Mr. Lochrie stated that he is happy to hear this issue is being addressed and remaining top of mind for Chapman. He asked to please add the issue of noise from the air conditioning equipment on the roof of the Science Center to the next meeting's agenda in order to continue receiving updates.

Ms. Driscoll agreed to add the air conditioning noise issue to the next meeting's agenda.

Ms. Driscoll stated that she would like NAC members and Chapman neighbors to know that their concerns remain top of mind and that Chapman is working to address their concerns in a timely and appropriate manner. Ms. Driscoll let the Committee know that she continues to regularly check in with the three neighbors affected to let them know that Chapman is working to address their concerns.

Ms. Driscoll went on to let the NAC know that Committee member and representative of Orange Park Acres (OPA) Tom Davidson, was not able to join the meeting today. She let the NAC know that he has moved to Wyoming with his wife. They are loving living there and have asked to step down from the NAC. Ms. Driscoll stated that they will be looking for a new representative of OPA to add to the Committee and asked that the group please let her know if they have any recommendations. Ms. Driscoll went on to say that she would like to thank Mr. Davidson as a founding member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee and integral part of the Committee. She stated that she wanted to thank him for his time with the Committee.

Ms. Driscoll wished the Committee happy holidays and a wonderful New Year. She stated that the next meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee would fall during the next quarter, most likely around February 2021 and continue into the next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.